

***IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE***

Applicant: Hideo YOKOTA et al.

Title: METHOD OF EXTRACTION OF REGION OF INTEREST, IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, AND COMPUTER PRODUCT

Appl. No.: 10/627,979

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Examiner: John B STREGE

Art Unit: 2624

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4102  
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**STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW**

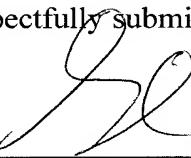
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P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with the request in the Interview Summary of December 10, 2007 (mailed December 21, 2007), that the Applicants file a statement of substance of interview, please be advised that the Examiner's Interview Summary (copy attached), accurately summarizes the interview.

Respectfully submitted,

By



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<b>Interview Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	10/627,979	YOKOTA ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
	John B. Strege	2624	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) John B. Strege. (3) \_\_\_\_\_.

(2) Glenn Law Reg# 34,371. (4) \_\_\_\_\_.

Date of Interview: 10 December 2007.

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference  
c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.  
If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) discussed: 40-48.

Identification of prior art discussed: \_\_\_\_\_.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN A NON-EXTENDABLE PERIOD OF THE LONGER OF ONE MONTH OR THIRTY DAYS FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.

Examiner's signature, if required

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Examiner phoned the Applicant's representative to discuss an Examiner's amendment to claims 40-48 to change the unstatutory "computer program embodied in a computer readable medium" to the statutory language of "a computer readable medium embodying a computer program". The Applicant's representative agreed to the change thus putting the Application in accordance with the current USPTO guidelines for statutory subject matter, and an Examiners amendment will follow .